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In re Application of: )  
Allan C. **SPRADLING** *et al.* )  
Application No.: 09/358,937 ) Group Art Unit: 1632  
Filed: July 23, 1999 ) Examiner: J. Woitach  
For: **METHOD FOR MAINTENANCE AND** )  
**PROPAGATION OF GERMLINE** )

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

This Paper responds to the Final Office Action mailed October 19, 2001 (Paper No. 15).  
A one-month extension of time for the submission of this Amendment is filed herewith. The  
Examiner's comments have been reviewed carefully, and the following amendments are offered  
in response. Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 9 and 10.

Please consider the following amended claims:

- (Amended) A method for maintaining germline stem cells of *Drosophila in vivo*  
comprising:  
(a) providing a population comprised of said germline stem cells in a host